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VIA TELECOPY
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Re: South African Patents - PM 1267 CIP, PM 1326 and others
Reddie & Grose: 29136, and 30775 and others

Dear John:

Jim has reviewed your letter and agrees that we should voluntarily amend claims in South African cases where there has been substantive amendment in the parent or corresponding foreign. Normally, we do not file in South Africa unless the case is considered important.

It would be more effective if you could simply contact Fish & Neave directly in each case mentioned (1267 CIP, 1326 and others) and proceed with these.

I will check to see if any other South African patents have been issued recently, if so, whether amendment appears warranted.

As you say, it would be difficult to monitor that situation where prior art might come out long after the issuance of the South African patent, but I can as a routine step, check at the time of a U.S. issue to see if we have a corresponding South African patent and, if so, whether or not the art was considered. And, if anything is uncovered that creates a problem with the U.S. patent subsequent to issue, we can review that art vis-á-vis all the foreign applications at that time.

Sincerely,

Beverly Monroe

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